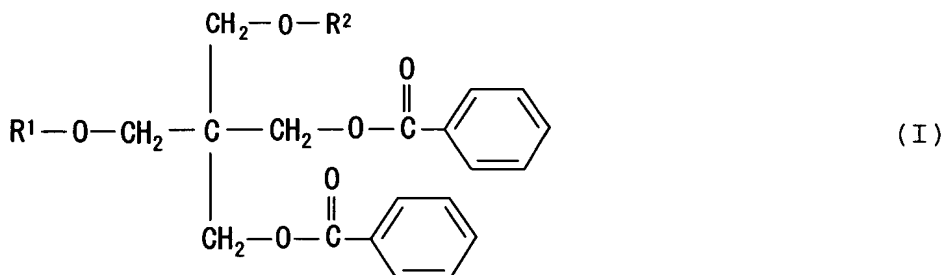


CLAIMS

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:  
an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic  
acid having the formula (I):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  independently indicate a hydrogen atom  
or a linear or branched fatty acid residue having 1 to 24  
carbon atoms or a benzoic acid residue and

- 15 a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

2. A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein  $\text{R}^1$  of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic  
acid of said formula (I) is a 2-ethylhexanoic acid  
residue and  $\text{R}^2$  is a benzoic acid residue.

- 20 3. A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the amount blended of the ester of  
pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of formula (I) is 5 to  
80% by mass.

- 25 4. A cosmetic composition as claimed in any one of  
claims 1 to 3, wherein the cosmetic composition is a  
lipstick.